

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A roll stand for rolling bar-shaped or tubular stock, having a stand housing, having at least one roll having a hub placed which is arranged on a roll shaft rotatably mounted in the stand housing, ~~said roll stand comprising the combination of the roll and is~~ connected in a rotationally fixed manner to the roll shaft via a frictional connection by means of a radial interference fit ~~and sleeve elements for contacting the roll in a positive locking manner axially with respect to the roll shaft,~~

~~—said roll shaft including a fluid passageway extending through at least a portion of said shaft, said passageway communicating with an inlet spaced from said hub and an outlet located in a region where said hub contacts said shaft. , wherein the roll is held in its axial position on the roll shaft in a positive-locking manner by sleeve elements contacting the roll axially with respect to the roll shaft, wherein at least one of the sleeve elements is connected to the roll shaft via an interference fit, in particular an interference fit having a taper seat.~~

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The roll stand as claimed in claim 1, wherein the roll is connected to the roll shaft via an interference fit, in particular via an interference fit having a taper seat.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The roll stand as claimed in claim 14, wherein the push-on path of the interference fit of the sleeve element is smaller than the push-on path of the interference fit of the roll.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The roll stand as claimed in claim 1, which comprises a tie rod which is guided axially through the roll shaft and which has, at its one end, an abutment transmitting axial forces at least in one axial direction of the roll shaft from the tie rod to one of the sleeve elements and, at its other end, an abutment transmitting axial forces at least in the opposite axial direction of the roll shaft from the tie rod to the roll shaft.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The roll stand as claimed in claim 6, which comprises an external thread formed on the end of the tie rod and a nut bearing against the end of the roll shaft.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The roll stand as claimed in claim 6, which comprises a cap which encloses the end of the roll shaft, axially adjoins one of the sleeve elements and has a central recess in which the tie rod engages.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The roll stand as claimed in claim 8, wherein the recess has an internal thread and the tie rod has an external thread at the end assigned to the cap.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The roll stand for rolling bar-shaped or tubular stock, in ~~particular as claimed in claim 1,~~ having a stand housing, having at least one roll which is arranged on a roll shaft rotatably mounted in a bearing bush arranged in a recess of the stand housing, and having a retaining means releasably fixing the roll shaft at least in one axial direction in the recess, wherein the retaining means is designed as a bayonet catch, said bayonet catch being formed by a ring having a lug projecting inwards and a ring element having a recess on its outer circumference enabling the lug of the ring to pass through, said ring element being connected to the bearing bush and said ring being connected to said housing.

Claim 11 (Original) The roll stand as claimed in claim 10, which comprises a clamping means which acts on at least one component of the bayonet catch and prevents opening of the bayonet catch.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The roll stand as claimed in claim 10, wherein the roll shaft is rotatably mounted in an eccentric sleeve, the eccentric sleeve being rotatably mounted in a recess of the stand housing.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The roll stand as claimed in claim 10, wherein a stepped seat is provided between an element fixed axially on the roll shaft and an element fixed axially to the stand housing.

Claim 15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) The roll stand as claimed in claim 10, wherein said ring element is connected to the bearing bush in an axially adjustable manner and locking means are arranged for locking the ring element in any position within the range of the axial adjustability.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) The roll stand as claimed in claim 16, wherein the ring element is connected to the bearing bush in an axially adjustable manner by means of a thread and wherein the locking means are locking screws.

Claim 18 (New) The roll stand as claimed in claim 2, which comprises a fluid medium supply which has an outlet in the region of the interference fit in order to introduce a fluid between roll and the roll shaft.